

Marks on Another Missionary Journey

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missions. He led in the organization of the Utah Baptist Association, Nov. 18, 1950. The First Baptist churches of Casper, Wyo.; Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Denver, Colo., affiliated with the six Utah churches.

Multiplication of churches and workers, plus help from the Home Mission Board and Arizona State Convention, allowed Utah's missionary to concentrate on the home field. As a result Ira and Grace Marks leave Utah with 26 churches and 18 missions. Their devotion to the Utah Baptist Encampment each year, inspired services that will be difficult to duplicate. Mealtime at camp will be minus the "fine flavor of Gracie's finger in the food". Perhaps Mrs. Marks made her greatest contribution to Utah through the schools of missions program of the Home Mission Board. She visited many churches of the southland to tell of the news and needs of the pioneer mission field of the West.

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